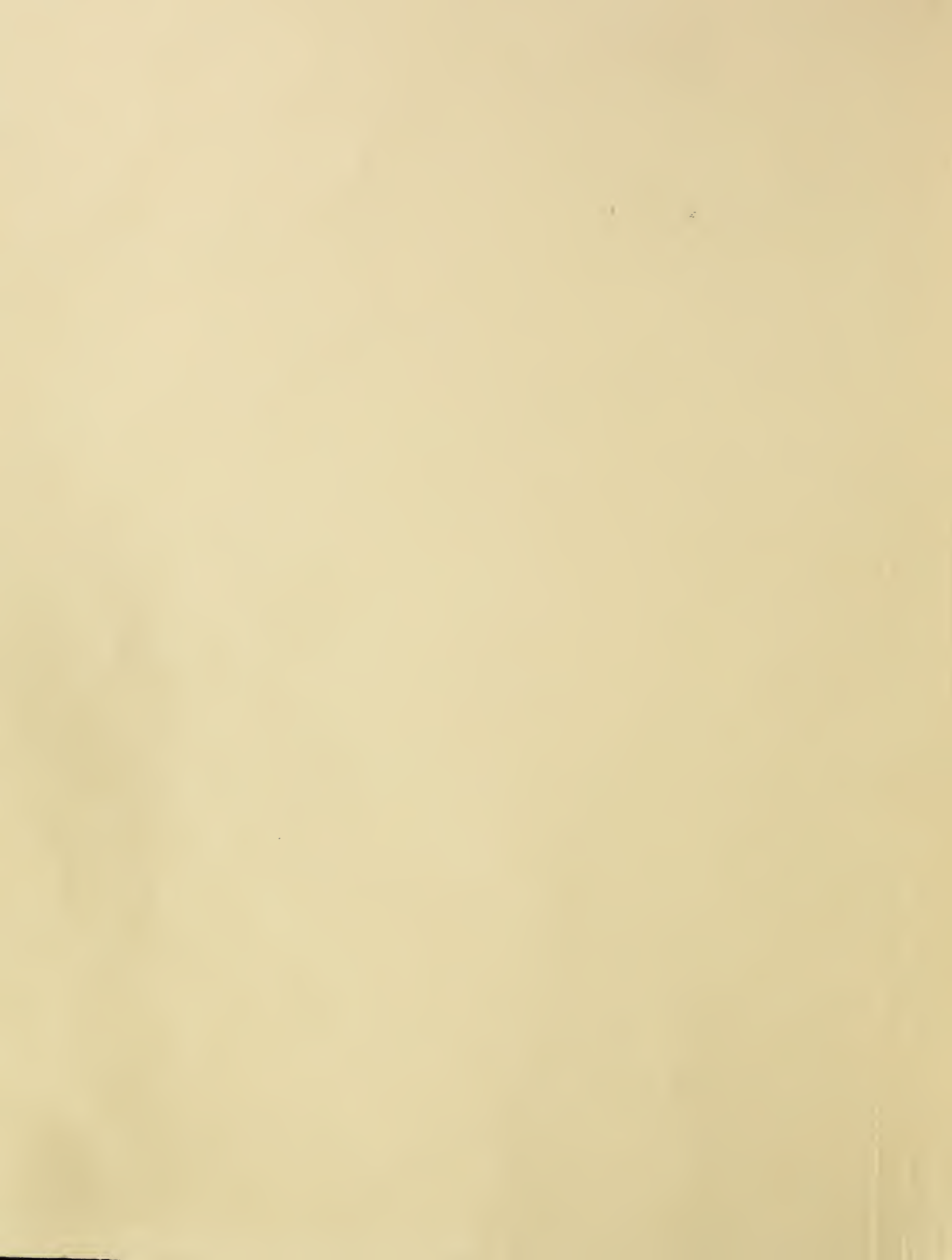
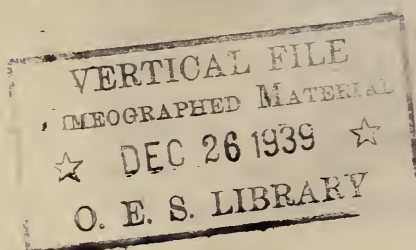


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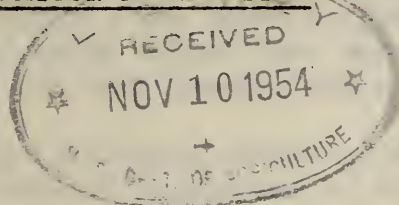
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RECREATION NEWS LETTER



June 1939.

Dear Fellow Workers:

With summer so nearly on our doorsteps and short courses and State weeks drawing nearer and nearer, camp and other special programs are uppermost in many minds. Here are a few ideas that have been successful in various places.

A good discussion can be developed around the theme, "What's right with America," an idea that has been developed as a part of the Camp Fire Girls program this year. Statements by outstanding people have been printed in "The Guardian," published by Camp Fire Girls, Inc., 88 Lexington Avenue, New York City, and parts were reprinted in the Recreation Bulletin, National Recreation Association, 315 Fourth Avenue, New York.

Fist puppets make an excellent 3-day camp craft for boys, girls, or women if blank heads are made up in advance. Very little expense is involved and it is a good project upon which to use W.P.A. and N.Y.A. help. The blanks are made by pasting four layers of 1-inch square pieces of newspaper over a mold the shape of an electric light bulb. Old bulbs are fine to use. After the paste has dried over night, the paper is cut, the bulb slipped out, and two more layers of paper put on to hold the parts firmly together. This is a blank head.

The campers can model faces of papier-mache on them the first day of camp, paint them and get the play started the second, finish them with hair and clothes and rehearse the play the third. More explicit directions for making puppets will be supplied to those who want them.

Hobbies have been explored in camps and during club weeks by women in Indiana and Oregon. Many 4-H camps have introduced the boys and girls to activities that might easily grow into hobbies, without labeling them as such. Collecting and mounting specimens from fields and woods, learning to use a knife for whittling and carving, photography, puppetry, and handicrafts of many kinds are some of the fields that have been explored.

"We travel though we stay at home" was the theme of five discussions on international relationships conducted by A. Drummond Jones of the U.S.D.A. and Ursula Hubbard of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 405 West 117th Street, New York City, at the 4-H Girls' Convention in Iowa last June. That the course was popular was proved by the fact that training schools for discussion leaders conducted by Miss Hubbard and Mr. Jones were immediately arranged and enthusiastically attended last winter.

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Good posture has been introduced effectively in the summer programs in several States. A posture clinic at which the women were given a photograph of themselves was a part of the Farm and Home Week in New York. A discussion of the foundation of good looks, followed by a demonstration of good and bad posture habits and the five or six exercises recommended for building the needed muscular control, was given to boys and girls separately in Maryland, West Virginia, and Rhode Island last summer, and plans for follow-up were worked out with the club leaders and agents.

The list of health helps, including motion pictures as well as booklets available from the West Virginia Department of Health, issued in a news letter to the agents on March 1 by Gladys Scranage and I. B. Boggs, Extension Service, Morgantown, West Virginia, contains excellent follow-up suggestions of a type that could be prepared in other States.

New Staff Members

Two new people who have recently joined the Extension Service staff should be introduced to our group:

Linden S. Dodson is rural sociologist in Maryland.
Doris Compton is the recreation specialist in Kansas.

Conferences and Institutes

Two recreation training institutes will be conducted by the National Recreation Association in Atlanta, Georgia, from June 12 to July 7. One will be for white leaders, the other for negroes. Courses will be given in arts and crafts and social recreation. J. Lee Harne, Jr., 601 City Hall, Atlanta, Georgia, is in charge of registrations.

The National Recreation Congress is scheduled for October 9 to 13 in Boston. The Hotel Statler will be convention headquarters. The present program plan includes a luncheon and two sessions of one- and one-half hours each for those who are interested in rural recreation. In writing of the arrangement Mr. Rivers said: "This arrangement of meetings makes it possible for the rural group to have a series of meetings with a minimum of conflict. It will be possible for them to attend some 17 other discussion meetings besides the general sessions."

The American Country Life Conference will be held in State College, Pennsylvania, August 30 to September 2.

Books You May Want To Investigate

Adolescence: A Study in the Teen Years. By Lawrence Augustus Averill.
Published by Houghton Mifflin Co., 2 Park Street, Boston, Mass. 1936. 495 pp.

Case material used to illustrate and clarify the problems involved in the normal development of the adolescent.

The Commission has been informed that the Government of the United Kingdom is prepared to accept the Commission's proposal for the establishment of a permanent body to deal with the problem of the disposal of nuclear waste. The Commission is pleased to note this and will be in touch with the Government of the United Kingdom in the near future.

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Experience and Education. By John Dewey. Macmillan Co., New York. 1938. 116 pp.

A philosophical elaboration and clear analysis of the concepts of "traditional" and "progressive" education, stressing the need for a carefully developed philosophy of recreation.

Freedom of Man. By Arthur H. Compton. Yale University Press. 1935. 153 pp.

A justification of the belief in God from the viewpoint of an outstanding man of science. Excellent background for discussion groups of young adults.

Group Work in Camping. By Louis H. Blumenthal. Association Press, New York. 1937. 100 pp.

A discussion of the group aspects of camping, valuable in that it stresses the group and its influence on the individual.

The Cokesbury Game Book. By A. M. Depew. Cokesbury Press.

A good book for the game shelf, including a variety of games, many of which are entirely new. Many of the question-and-answer type are included. There are directions for building game equipment, and games and stunts for holiday festivities.

Nature in Recreation. By Marguarite Ickis. Printed by author, 70 Morningside Drive, New York.

A unique and excellent book including such nature projects as outdoor museums, nature prints, insect puppets, musical instruments from natural materials, suggestions for nature songs and dances, and themes for hikes. Very good for the camp library.

Some New Frontiers in Camping. By Hendry, Dimock, and Sorenson. Association Press, New York. 1939.

A report of a camp seminar held at George Williams College. Contains articles on camp program and management as well as methods of providing camp facilities through community planning.

Camping Out and Woodcraft. By Cheley and Fagans. Blue Ribbon Books, New York.

A very good reprint that combines two practical books on outdoor living.

Geological and Biological Survey of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, 1923

A preliminary examination and description of the country of "Smoky Mountain" and "Pigeon Mountain" situated on the border of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

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South Italian Folkways in Europe and America. By Phyllis H. Williams. Yale University Press.

"It is essential to an understanding of South Italians," says Mrs. Williams in her preface, "to know both their cultural background in the old country and the cultural conflicts they face in this."

Most of the chapters are divided into two parts, one presenting information about cultural patterns and pre-war Italy, the period when Italian immigration to the United States was at its height, and one giving the facts about life in America at the present time. There are sections on marriage, recreation, education, and religion; with many illustrations that throw light on situations that one meets in working with boys and girls of Italian background.

Recreation in Church and Community. Edited by Warren T. Powell. The Abington Press, New York. 1938. 136 pp.

Recreation in church programs and its organization as a part of the community agencies are adequately treated in this volume. The values and theories of play, its influence on character development, and the objectives of community recreation are adequately covered.

Fist Puppetry. By David Frederick Milligan. A. S. Barnes & Co., New York. 1938. 130 pp.

Well illustrated, clearly written book on making a puppet, and preparing and staging a play. Ten traditional plays and a good bibliography are included.

Dances of Our Pioneers. By Grace L. Ryan. A. S. Barnes & Co., New York. 1938.

Full descriptions with calls, directions, music, and line drawings of old-time dances.

Parties and Programs for Parents' Days. National Recreation Association, 315 Fourth Avenue, New York. 1938.

Ideas for banquets, skits, socials, and pantomimes for home or community celebrations of Mother's Day and Father's Day.

Programs for Future Farmer Chapter Meetings. By A. Webster Tenney. Interstate Printers and Publishers, Danville, Ill. 210 pp. 1938.

A compilation of practical material given in such complete detail that little is left to the program maker's ingenuity.

Source of the Vintners. Dr. John A. Gray. At the bottom of the page.

Do Adolescents Need Parents? By Katherine Whiteside Taylor. Appleton-Century Co., New York. 380 pp. 1938.

A well-written book that will be of interest to adolescents as well as parents. There are two main divisions, "The Parent's Role" and "Adolescent Needs," each covering many family relationship situations illustrated by case stories.

Books That Cost Less Than 50 Cents

Notes for Song Leaders. By Janet Tobitt. Published by Girl Scouts, Inc., New York. 11 pp.

Sound advice on song selection, program planning, and song presentation. There is a good brief bibliography giving prices.

Forty Approaches to Informal Singing. By Seebolt H. Freeswyk. National Recreation Association, New York. 30 pp.

A cleverly worked out series of suggestions for bringing music to groups. Each method is clearly explained and well illustrated. The book is full of excellent ideas.

Roads to Music Appreciation. By Augustus D. Zanzig. National Recreation Association, New York. 36 pp.

An excellent small book, well adapted to amateurs. Good for use with singing or listening groups.

McCall's Charm Group Program. Published by McCall's Magazine, Dayton, Ohio.

A loose-leafed booklet of excellent program suggestions on posture, care of the hair, nails, and skin, personal hygiene, and personality analysis. A good bibliography of inexpensive and free literature and movies is included.

Day Camping. By Maude L. Dryden. National Recreation Association, New York.

A discussion of the objectives and guiding principles of day camping and suggestions for carrying on such a program.

How To Make and Play a Shepherd Pipe. By Augustus D. Zanzig, National Recreation Association, New York.

Clear, concise directions and diagrams for making and playing pipes and 21 selections for playing.

The Health Circus. National Dairy Council, 111 North Canal Street, Chicago, Ill.

A health play for boys that lasts about 30 minutes and may be adapted to a large or small cast.

Rural Youth Speak. J. L. Lister and E. L. Kirkpatrick. American Youth Commission, 744 Jackson Place, Washington, D. C. 1939. 96 pp.

A study of youth's needs. "The findings presented portray a picture which may be helpful to rural young people themselves as well as adults who are interested in knowing the situations faced by them."

In the Magazines

Dramatics for the Camp Community. By Kate Hall. Part I on page 21 of the April 1939 number of "Recreation," published by the National Recreation Association, New York. Part II in the May number, page 91.

Practical suggestions for creative dramatics in camp, written by one who obviously knows whereof she speaks.

Rural Social Workers Do Everything. By Josephine Strode. Survey Mid-monthly, Vol. 74, No. 10, pages 308-309, October 1938.

The first of a monthly series discussing difficulties in rural living and especially the problems rural youth must face. Excellent and provocative.

Criteria of Rural Community Formation. Dwight Sanderson. Sociology, Vol. 3, No. 4, pages 373-383, December 1938.

A timely discussion of the importance of the rural community as a cultural unit. "Four criteria for the areas of rural communities are advanced as a means for obtaining constructive discussion. These are based on the ideas of relative self-sufficiency, opportunity for personal association, and pooling of resources for desired institutions. The development of such standards and the mapping of rural communities are an important function of State and county planning boards and should be made a feature of the county land-use planning committees being established by the agricultural extension service."

Summer Camp Insurance. By Norman M. Godnick. Camping World, January 1939, Vol. 5, No. 1, page 10.

The prime difficulty with which the camp director is faced is the ticklish task of getting the best coverage from insurance policies. Not even insurance agents know about it.

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The findings of an exhaustive study by the author will be published each month. Briefly summarized, the reasons for the undesirability of summer camp risks are as follows:

1. Moral hazard (presenting false claims).
2. Business limited (definite number of camps).
3. Premiums small (lower limits; most coverages subject to short term rates).
4. Poor experience (companies lost money).
5. Unprotected areas (distance from proper fire and police protection).
6. Personal nature of camping business (caring for children; unforeseen hazards; minors not legally responsible for their actions).
7. Camps inefficiently operated either through use of defective equipment or lack of supervision over campers.

Fun in the Craft Shop. By Lester C. Smith. Camping Magazine, 330 South State Street, Ann Arbor, Mich., Vol. 11, No. 5, page 16, May 1939.

Plans for the craft shop and suggestions for projects. The May number of this magazine is full of particularly good camp ideas.

Government Bulletins

4-H Club Insect Manual. By M. P. Jones, extension entomologist. Miscellaneous Publication No. 318, U.S.D.A. An excellent, well-illustrated manual valuable for camp libraries.

Rural Youth: Their Situation and Prospects. By Bruce L. Melvin and Elna N. Smith, Division of Social Research, W.P.A., Washington, D. C.

Includes a chapter on the use of leisure time and its relation to delinquency.

A Digest of Laws Affecting Organized Camping. Free from the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C.

Rural Youth Program Planning Handbook. Published by the Rural Youth Section, Extension Service, Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa.

A useful, practical guide.

Films and Film Strips

The story of baseball is available in 33-mm. or 16-mm. sound film through Joe Bolton, 104 West forty-second Street, New York City. There is no cost except express charges both ways.

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Eastman Kodak Co., Rochester, New York, has an extensive collection of educational films including some for children on posture and good grooming.

The weather Bureau, U.S.D.A., Washington, D. C. has several films that will be of interest to club groups. "Clouds," "Fire Weather," and "Flood Weather" are well adapted to camp use.

"The New Rural School" is a series of pictures taken in consolidated schools by the Rural Electrification Administration and released as R.E.A. Film Strip No. 5. It may be purchased from the L. E. Davidson Picture Service, 438 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, New York.

A description of the games that will be used at the progressive party in the U.S.D.A. patio during National Camp is enclosed. With it come an Australian round and a mystery game for older boys and girls.

Cordially yours,

Ella Gardner,
Recreation Specialist.

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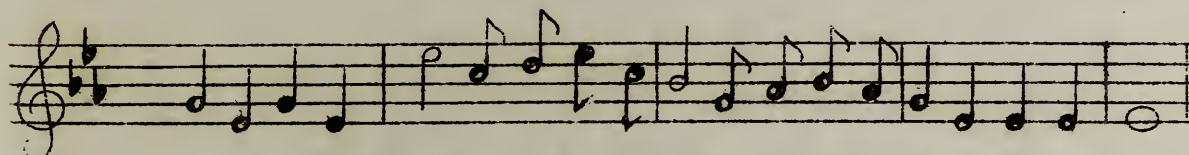
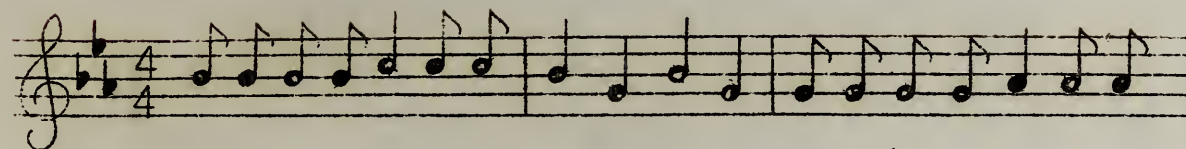
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*Kookaburra Round



Kookaburra sits in the old gum tree
Merry, merry king of the bush is he.
Laugh, Kookaburra, Laugh, Kookaburra
Gay your life must be.

*The Kookaburra is an Australian bird.

Magic Money

Use two coins of different values, a quarter and a dime, for instance. The group may choose any figure up to 155. Let us say 73 is chosen. The number is indicated by placing the quarter on the face of an imaginary clock on a number that is to be multiplied by itself or squared. Let us take 8. $8 \times 8 = 64$. We need 9 more to make 73 so the dime is placed on 9 with the head side up to indicate 9 is added. We could also make it by putting the quarter on 9, giving us 81 and the dime on 8 with head down to indicate that the 8 is subtracted.

